

volatile ester hydrolysis that is still used today to understand the evolution of aroma in wine. Upon graduation he joined the Moueix family at the renowned Château Pétrus and spent 23 years helping establish a number of wineries including Matanzas Creek, Chalk Hill, Dominus Estate, and Rudd Estate. He and his wife Carla moved to Healdsburg and founded Ramey Wine Cellars in 1996 where they helped shepherd a new California benchmark winemaking style using indigenous yeasts, sur lies aging, and whole-cluster and malolactic barrel fermentation. Mr. Ramey is passionate about the wine industry and continues to provide his expertise to colleagues through consulting work and as Chair of Family Winemakers of California.

Madam Speaker, David Ramey's long-time contributions to the winemaking community have shaped the way that many wines in the United States are made today. Therefore, please join us in congratulating David Ramey for decades of inspiring work in the wine industry and this Lifetime Achievement Award.

#### HONORING MR. PETER BONITATIBUS

#### HON. STEPHEN F. LYNCH

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2022*

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Peter Bonitatibus, who is retiring after a tireless 35-year-long career in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' system of higher education. Born in Quincy, Peter has resided in Whitman for the last 20 years with his wife Margaret and their children Sheila, Danny, Justin, and Mary.

Peter is proud to have spent his entire career working with many outstanding police officers, faculty, and staff in several of Massachusetts's finest public institutions of higher learning. Before his retirement, he was considered the key person for all things technological for the University of Massachusetts Boston's Division of Student Affairs. The group includes over 300 part and full-time employees that encompass Police, General Medicine, Counseling, student care, Housing, Activities, Leadership programs, Multicultural Affairs, and student hunger and housing security matters.

Peter is a tireless advocate on behalf of the people he worked with, often going the extra mile to ensure the health and safety of his beloved community. His incredible attention to detail and technical skill have led his colleagues to dub him the "Mr. Spock" of UMass Boston. A badge he wears with honor, as he is a great fan of Star Trek.

Peter began his career in 1986 as a police officer at Framingham State College. He then worked at Bridgewater State College and finally served at UMass Boston, where he was elevated to Sergeant and then hired as UMass Boston's Director of Student Affairs Technology Services. During his career until his recent retirement, Peter has been recognized as a national leader in the security technology profession and served as the Education Chair for the Boston Chapter of ASIS International.

A dedicated family man, Peter and his wife Margaret raised their four beloved children in Whitman. Through his example, his children now work in public service and law enforce-

ment and continue Peter's legacy of giving back to the community and a life of serving others.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Peter's service, thank him, and wish him well in retirement.

#### HONORING THE MEMORY OF DOROTHY THIGPEN

#### HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2022*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today I want to honor the memory of Dorothy Jean Thigpen, a long-time resident of Detroit, Michigan.

Born and raised in Tennessee, her life's journey took her from rural Tennessee to Detroit's Jeffries projects to the Manoogian Mansion and finally to the rural suburbs of Virginia.

As a child, her family moved to Michigan, where she spent time in Albion and Detroit. As a student attending Detroit's Central High School, she met and married the love of her life George Westly Thigpen, Jr. on October 11, 1958. From their union, she had seven daughters and one son. Her young family lived in many places around the city of Detroit.

During the 70s and as her family grew, she put her skills to work sewing parachutes at a downtown armed forces factory. Shortly after the Vietnam War ended, Dorothy got a job at Fisher Body as a power sewer making car seats for luxury vehicles. She retired from Fisher Body after more than 20 years of service on a medical retirement in 2000.

A working mother, Dorothy ensured her children took their education seriously. Her house was always filled with music and weekly routines. Because discipline was primary for Dorothy, she was famous for her "I can show you better than I can tell you" lessons. She required her children to have fun outdoors and charged them to be creative, athletic, and come home before the streetlights come on.

Above all, Dorothy Thigpen's life was filled with love, service, and her faith. She enjoyed her time spent with family and friends, enjoying all life had to offer. Please join me in honoring her memory.

#### HONORING JON ERICKSON OF ANGRY INCH BREWING

#### HON. ANGIE CRAIG

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2–5, 2022, and to thank Jon Erickson of Angry Inch Brewing. Jon's dedication to his community in Lakeville is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

As Lakeville's first craft brewery, Angry Inch has become a central part of historic downtown Lakeville. When Jon turned his hobby for home brewing into something bigger, he and all the staff at Angry Inch showcased how a small business can serve a community.

Small businesses like Angry Inch Brewing are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Jon is a member of my Small Business

Taskforce. I'm thankful for his expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.

#### RECOGNIZING EFREM FESAHA FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AS A DEDICATED COMMUNITY MEMBER AND SMALL BUSINESS OWNER

#### HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2022*

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Efrem Fesaha for his many years of service as a dedicated community member and small business owner. Having first founded Boon Boona Coffee in 2012, Efrem has grown his business to now include multiple locations that employ more than 20 people. This year, Efrem was awarded the 2022 Small Businessperson of the Year by both the SBA of Washington State and of the Pacific Northwest Region due to his outstanding work navigating the challenges posed by the pandemic while fostering inclusive and welcoming spaces at his shops. He is one of ten finalists for SBA's National Small Businessperson of the Year.

Efrem founded Boon Boona Coffee after visiting his family in Eritrea and drawing inspiration from East African coffee. He has dedicated his business to bringing the rich culture of East African Coffee to the Seattle area. Not only has Efrem greatly contributed to the culture of Washington's 9th district, he has also set out to create a positive impact globally, sourcing fresh coffee beans from African producers and women-owned growers.

The SBA's recognition of Efrem's achievements is well-deserved and speaks to his strong character, work ethic, and understanding of the importance of creating welcoming environments for community members to gather.

Madam Speaker, it is my privilege and honor to recognize Efrem Fesaha for his outstanding career achievements and for his contributions to our community.

#### DENOUNCING TREATMENT OF AMERICAN HERO AND VETERAN, AIRMAN BRIAN KOLFAGE

#### HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2022*

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to expose the shameful treatment of Iraq war veteran Brian Kolfage by the U.S. Government.

Airman Kolfage lost three limbs defending our country in the Iraq war. While serving a second tour of duty in Iraq in 2004, a rocket shell exploded 25 feet from him. Due to his tenacity and determination, he shocked his doctors and left Walter Reed after only 11 months. He earned a Purple Heart and is the most wounded airman ever to have survived a war in the history of our country.

Brian Kolfage's service to country did not end with his military valor. Incredibly, he ran a

private organization that helped build 3 miles of border wall along the Rio Grande river, a place where construction is difficult due to the great potential for erosion.

So how do our corrupt elites treat this hero? They respond like they did to the many peaceful protesters on January 6, to the pro-life protesters facing over 10 years for trying to save the unborn, or to anyone who disagrees with their globalist, America-last agenda. They persecute them; they make their lives a living hell; they ruin them.

As our ruling elites were not happy that the illegal hordes could not continue to stream across the border, they activated their deep-state machinery and sent their secret police to arrest Airman Kolfage. Fifteen Federal law enforcement goons dragged him out of his house without a wheelchair, subjecting him to utter humiliation and pain in front of his family. No thought whatsoever was given to his disabled status. And in prison, the VA refused him pain medications, without which he suffers unbearable pain.

Mr. Kolfage had worked tirelessly, 12 hours a day, for several years to get this 3-mile section of wall built. He ran and operated the organization that got it done. For taking a salary, the Federal Government arrested him, saying he had no right to get paid anything because his website said any money raised would go to build the wall. In my view, he was part of getting the wall built. There was nothing wrong with him getting a salary and saying the money would be used to build the wall. Without him, it would not have been complete, and no real American would object to a man getting paid to devote himself to a selfless project like this one and succeeding.

Airman Kolfage was just intimidated into taking a plea deal by our third-world, kangaroo-court judicial system. This veteran and activist should be celebrated as a hero in so many ways. Instead, he will rot in a Federal prison. A greater injustice is hard to imagine. To his wife, Ashley, and two children, my heart goes out to them. I am praying for them all. Please know that I will continue to fight against the injustice done to her husband.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF  
PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. RUBEN GALLEG0**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2022*

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary this month.

Founded in 1922 by Reverends Jake Howard, R. Thomas, and M. Boyd, Pilgrim Rest has been serving the Phoenix community ever since. In addition to its well over twenty ministries, Pilgrim Rest offers a wide range of human services that assist not only their congregation, but any in the community who are in need. These services include family support, employment assistance, a monthly food bank, and much more. As the church has grown, Pilgrim Rest has expanded its sanctuary, built the Word Center to house classrooms and the Family Services Resource Center, and opened the Wellness Center to care for the physical body as well as the soul.

Since 2018, Pilgrim Rest has been under the able leadership of Pastor Terry E. Mackey, who has continued to develop Pilgrim Rest and the community it serves. Pilgrim Rest's mission is to be, "like a city that sits upon a hill; a beacon of hope for all." They have been spreading that hope for the last 100 years, and I look forward to seeing all they will do next.

I would like to again congratulate Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church on 100 years of faith and service.

HONORING THE TYLER JUNIOR  
COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL  
TEAM 2021-2022 NJCAA DIVISION 1  
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NA-  
TIONAL CHAMPIONS

**HON. LOUIE GOHMERT**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2022*

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, it is with enormous pride that I recognize and congratulate the Tyler Junior College Lady Apaches on an outstanding basketball season in which they captured the National Junior College Athletic Association Division 1 Women's National Championship title.

Throughout the 2021-2022 season, the Lady Apaches developed a reputation with one of the top offenses in the country, averaging 78.8 points per game, making it apparent that the Lady Apaches were a force with which to be reckoned. Entering the NJCAA tournament with a season record of 23-8 and as the No. 17 seed, the Lady Apaches were underdogs in each of their five games in the tournament. However, they demonstrated their hard work and determination to earn a spot in the championship game.

The Lady Apaches demonstrated incredible focus and skill to clinch the National Championship over the Georgia Highlands Lady Chargers with a final score of 92-80. It is an esteemed honor to pay tribute to the team members and coaches of the 2021-2022 NJCAA Division 1 Women's Basketball National Champions: Veonce Powell (No. 1), Nassarine William (No. 3), Tia Morgan (No. 4), Nadechka Laccen (No. 5), Emari Sidney (No. 10), Shadiya Thomas (No. 12), Brianna Garrett (No. 13), Trinittee Alexander (No. 20), Taryn Wills (No. 21), Jasmine Payne (No. 22), Deborah Ogayemi (No. 23), Daijah Torns (No. 24), Head Coach Trenia Tillis-Hoard, Assistant Coach Chelsea Hudson, Assistant Coach Brianna Brooks, Student Assistant Coach Brynn Sultz, and Manager Keaira Grant.

This tribute goes out to all of the amazing athletic staff and support staff at Tyler Junior College including the Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Kevin Vest; Assistant Athletic Director Kelsi Weeks; Associate Athletic Director Chuck Smith; Administrative Assistant Jordan Jones; Head Athletic Trainer Eddy McGuire; Assistant Athletic Trainer Victoria Morris; Student Trainer Paige Arkfeld; Student Trainer Haven Bengi; Registrar Records/State Reports Coordinator Denny Yarbrough; Enrollment Support Services Specialist Erica Thurman, and all other personnel that contributed to this amazing championship season.

An athletic team cannot achieve any true level of excellence without unwavering support

from its school leaders including President Dr. Juan E. Mejia; Provost Dr. Deana Sheppard; and Associate Vice Provost of Student Affairs Dr. Tim Drain. That is exactly the kind of support the Lady Apaches experienced from the entire community of Tyler and Smith County. That is why congratulations go to all the outstanding family, friends, and fans who contributed to the success of the Lady Apaches during this championship season.

The accomplishment of Deborah Ogayemi (forward) should be of particular note, who averaged 17 rebounds a game during the tournament and was voted the Tournament's Most Valuable Player. Joining her on the All-Tournament Team were teammates Shadiya Thomas (guard) and Taryn Wills (guard). Head Coach Trenia Tillis-Hoard is to be congratulated for receiving the Coach of the Tournament award.

This is not just a feat for the basketball team but for the entire college. This represents the 67th national championship in the school's history as a NJCAA Division 1 contender. Furthermore, the Lady Apaches were in the national tournament for the fifth time in six years and in the national championship game for the third time ever. This will be the first National Championship the Lady Apaches have won since their only other championship win in 2000. This speaks highly of the hard work and dedication of the men and women and the excellent coaching staff at Tyler Junior College.

It is with great pride that I join with all of east Texas in congratulating the Lady Apaches basketball team on their NJCAA Division 1 National Championship. May God continue to bless these consummate first-class competitors, along with their families, friends, and neighbors in east Texas. This outstanding accomplishment is now preserved, which will endure as long as there is a United States of America.

HONORING LARK TOYS

**HON. ANGIE CRAIG**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, May 6, 2022*

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Small Business Week, May 2-5, 2022, and to thank the entire Lark Toys family, Kathy and Ron Gray and Miranda and Scott Gray-Burlingame. Their dedication to their community in Kellogg is what fuels Minnesota's Second Congressional District.

Lark Toys has proven that small, family-owned and operated businesses can rise to national prominence. Miranda and the staff at Lark Toys combine a multitude of skills to bring happiness to children and families throughout the Second Congressional District and beyond.

Small businesses like Lark Toys are the backbone of our economy. I'm proud that Miranda is a member of my Small Business Taskforce. I'm thankful for her expertise and guidance as we work to shape policies to benefit and strengthen our small business economy.